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1. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 19 REGARDING THE
STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON PROPOSALS OF
A WHEAT FOR OIL SWAP, THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT
UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MOSCOW
WHERE HE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING CONCERNING LONG-TERM GRAIN
SALE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USSR. AT THE SAME TIME
ROBINSON HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE
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AGREEMENT INVOLVING LONG-TERM IMPORTS OF OIL FROM THE

SOVIETS.

2. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT
A MAJOR OIL EXPORTER SINCE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION REQUIRES
A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF SOVIET PRODUCTION.

3. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL RESUME SHORTLY. ROBINSON WILL
RETURN TO MOSCOW SHORTLY TO CONTINUE THE TALKS. KISSINGER

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